

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of W.N., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

WILLARD NOBLE, JR.,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

January 21, 2003

No. 242166

St. Clair Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 99-000394-NA

Before: Cooper, P.J., and Bandstra and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument under MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCL 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence showed that respondent did not meet an \$8 per week financial support obligation, or make any effort to provide W.N. with physical or emotional support. Respondent failed to make any effort to comply with his case service plan and failed to visit W.N. In short, in the many months since his release from prison, respondent made no effort and showed no interest in being a parent to W.N.

Further, the trial court properly concluded that the evidence failed to show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 353; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). On the record as a whole, there was no evidence of any relationship between respondent and WN.

Therefore, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper
/s/ Richard A. Bandstra
/s/ Michael J. Talbot